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REPORT

TOPIC Schoenhauser Dam Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 10 June 1955, no constructional changes were observed at Schoenhauser Dam auxiliary airfield. An air force guard detail consisting of about 15 men was stationed there. The stacks of runway mats remained unchanged. These stacks were 70 to 90 meters long, 12 to 15 meters wide, and about 7 meters high.

2. The following observations were made in the Rathenow - Perchels area between 15 and 26 July 1955:

Since 20 July, several jet fighters were observed circling over Rathenow and in the area northwest of Rathenow in the direction of Schollene. These aircraft flew individually and in formations of up to eight MiG-15s. The planes practiced flying in echelon formation to the right and in squadrons. When flying in squadron formation there was an interval and distance of about one flight between the flights.

15 July. It was observed from Perchels, that a formation of four MiG-15s were aloft over Schoenhauser Dam airfield. The MiG-15s individually made low-level attacks in an angle of 35 to 40, disappeared behind trees and zoomed up in a flat angle. Each aircraft made only one low-level attack.

[redacted] large white discs were erected at the airfield and that aircraft fired at these discs. He added that he was not permitted to work on his field after 15 July because firing practices were held at the airfield.

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22 July. At about 1700, four MiG-15s and 2 Il-10s circled individually over the airfield. No low-level attacks were seen.

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[redacted] aircraft had already been seen landing at the airfield.

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25 July. [redacted] recently air activity had been observed there. [redacted] aircraft would soon be stationed at the airfield. A total of 30 railroad cars loaded with cement had allegedly arrived and were shipped to the airfield. The cement was allegedly to be used for the enlargement of a concrete way. 2

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1. Comment. There has been no change in the stacks of the runway mats, which have been at Schoenhauser Damm airfield for quite some time. The aircraft which practiced low-level attacks probably belonged to the fighter regiment at Brandenburg - Briest and the ground attack regiment at Stendal. Landings at Schoenhauser Damm airfield have not yet been reported. It is possible that individual Il-10s may have landed there.

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2. Comment. The construction of a concrete runway seems doubtful. The cement shipments may possibly be connected with the enlargement of the VP training grounds at Kietz.

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